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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The cause of righteousness prevailed on Saturday. The church and the Joss house went down but THE INDEPENDENT was saved and now stands as a lone mile stone in the burnt out district.

Marshal Brown was the only high official who didn't lose his head on Saturday. His force was a credit to the country and the boys learned that it is not all "beer and skittles to be a police officer."

It is not easy to control two thousand Asiatics who have good reason to feel nasty and are cooped up in tents and in a haole church. The manner in which the men of the 6th Artillery detailed for sentinel duty did their work since Saturday deserves the highest praise. The discipline and tact displayed by the regulars should be a lesson to our beloved N. G. H.

Why is it that the streets were filled this morning with women and children? The Sanitary Committee, the Board of Health and the press have asked our good ladies to stay at home at present, and yet they have to drive around, do a little shopping, which could be done by telephone and just take a glance at the ruins from the fire. If they persist we suggest that the town be closed "by authority."

Mr. Singer is a broken hearted man. His bakery cannot fill the enormous orders for bread and yet he reads in a paper that Judge Wilcox is sprinkling flour on his premises instead of lime. Singer is closely watching the raise in the price of the Judge's poi and will follow suit in regard to his bread. We advise the boss baker to use poi for cementing purposes until the Judge stops using flour for disinfecting purposes.

A complaint has reached us that some uncouth whelps, we regret to say of German nationality are making themselves obnoxious to some ladies living on one of our main thoroughfares. We call the attention of the young men to the fact that Judge Wilcox has very little patience with cattle of that description and that it will be greatly more satisfactory to the male relatives of the ladies to see the alleged gentlemen in jail than to seeing them thrashed.

We have frequently called attention to the unpardonable ignorance of persons who talk about "white" people in contrast to "Portuguese." It is especially unfortunate that such an expression should be made at a semi public or official meeting and cause an ill-feeling. The ignorant fellow talking has of course never been in Europe where the Portuguese at all times are con-

sidered and treated as the most polite, aristocratic and socially exclusive nation in the world.

The fire has taught many a lesson to the public. Among them is one which should lead all householders to have some fire extinguishers on their premises. Those for which C. W. Macfarlane is agent were very useful on Saturday and were worked with good results during the big conflagration. We understand that they are not expensive and especially with a crippled fire department would prove very valuable.

The dear little children who are enjoying a long vacation should realize that a few old toys will be a blessing to the poor children who are having a forced vacation at the detention camps. And the good housewives may also remember that any old children's clothing will be accepted with thanks by the gentlemen in charge of the camps. Let the "kids" clothes be discarded. Papa will buy new ones for the next twins.

We suggest that the guarding of the infected district be somewhat modified now. Guards should be employed to prevent any persons entering the burnt lands but there is really no reason while the block on Nuuanu and King streets should not be opened. There hasn't been a case in that block and the services of the soldiers are needed elsewhere. There is no fear now of Chinese breaking through the lines because there are no Chinese left in the infected district. They are now under the tower of Kawaiahao church.

The noble work of the fire department during the recent fires should be well rewarded. It is perhaps too early to make any suggestions but we think that a purse should be made to give each of the boys in the regular service (we think there are about 45) \$100 each. The diamond ornamented badges which as souvenirs should be given to Chief Hunt, and Commissioners Brown, Fisher and Crozier we leave to the fair sex who in 1895 remembered the gallant officers of the police. The ladies are all here and the hat might as well be passed around now.

We were surprised when the Council of State proposed to appropriate \$200,000 for the purpose of paying our rich wholesale house the amounts of the notes due them by Chinese storekeepers. The fire on Saturday prevented the meeting of the Council at which the item undoubtedly would have passed in spite of the opposition of Minister Damon and a few Councillors who held that it was wise to pay the poor people who have lost all their first and secondly consider the claims of the owners of the merchandise. The merchandise is burnt now and we see no reason why any appropriation should be made at present. We all know that it is a religious idea of Chinese to settle their accounts before Chinese New Year, and we have no doubt that the foreign wholesale houses would feel very happy if their debtors were allowed to finger \$200,000 from the public treasury and through appeal to their honor, and vague promises, be induced to meet their notes for their burnt goods. The nigger in the fence is too conspicuous and we hope our millionaire merchants will be made to wait for their claims until every one of the poor devils who lost their all have received what kind of compensation a just Government will allot to them.

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President Again Asked to Intervene.

BERNE, Jan. 8. —The executive committee of the International Peace Society has sent a telegram to President McKinley asking him to intervene with a view of ending the war in South Africa.

BY AUTHORITY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that from this date no packages or bundles for persons detained at Kalihii Detention Station at Waiakamilo will be received except between the hours of 9 to 11 a. m. and 2 to 4 p. m. All such packages or bundles must be well wrapped and plainly addressed in English and also in Japanese, Chinese or Hawaiian, as the case may require.

C. B. WILSON,
Superintendent Kalihii Detention Station.

Approved: C. B. WOOD,
President Board of Health.
Honolulu, Jan. 19, 1900.
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IRRIGATION NOTICE.

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ANDREW BROWN,
Superintendent of Water Works
Approved: ALEX. YOUNG,
Minister of Interior.
Honolulu, June 14, 1899.
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